

IN THE CLAIMS:

The following is a complete listing of the claims, and replaces all earlier listings and all earlier versions.

1. (Currently Amended) ~~Method~~ A method of access to a digital document in a communication network, said method being implemented in a device, and method comprising the following steps:

selecting a first data item in a digital document, ~~said~~ the digital document comprising at least first and second data items;

verifying the presence of at least one address of a location containing ~~said~~ the second data item of the digital document in storage means of the device;

in the absence of ~~said~~ the address in the storage means of the device, seeking ~~said~~ the address in the network;

in the event of a positive search, storing ~~said~~ the address in the storage means of the device; and

subsequently accessing ~~said~~ the second data item of the document from the address thus stored by anticipation and available locally.

2. (Currently Amended) ~~Method~~ A method according to Claim 1, wherein the address of the location containing the second data item of the digital document is local.

3. (Currently Amended) Method A method according to Claim 1,  
wherein the address of the location containing the second data item of the digital document  
is distant.

4. (Currently Amended) Method A method according to Claim 1,  
wherein the search for the address of the second data item is carried out prior to any new  
request for access to a digital document.

5. (Currently Amended) Method A method according to Claim 1,  
wherein the first and second data item ~~being~~ are of the same resolution.

6. (Currently Amended) Method A method according to Claim 1,  
wherein the digital document is a collection comprising a list of objects.

7. (Currently Amended) Method A method according to Claim 1,  
wherein the first and second data items ~~being~~ are of different resolutions.

8. (Currently Amended) Method A method according to Claim 1,  
wherein the resolution of the first data item is less than that of the second data item.

9. (Currently Amended) Method A method according to Claim 1,  
wherein the digital document comprises more than two different resolutions.

10. (Currently Amended) Method A method according to Claim 1,  
wherein further comprising the following steps:

determining the current resolution of the digital document available at the device;

verifying the presence of at least one address of a location containing a higher resolution of the digital document in the storage means of the client device;  
in the absence of said the address in said the storage means, seeking said the address in the network;

in the case of a positive search, storing said the address in the storage means of the device; and

subsequently accessing said the higher resolution of the document from the address thus stored by anticipation and available locally.

11. (Currently Amended) Method A method according to Claim 1,  
wherein the digital document belongs to the group formed by consisting of fixed images or photographs, video sequences, and computer files of office application ~~or the like~~.

12. (Currently Amended) Device A device for access to a digital document in a communication network, said device comprises comprising:  
means for selecting a first data item of a digital document, the said digital document comprising at least first and second data items;

processing means able to verify the presence of at least one address of a location containing a second data item of the digital document in storage means of the device;

search means able, in the absence of said the address in said the storage means, to seek said the address in the network[[;]], the storage means being able to store said the address in the event of a positive search; and

means for subsequently accessing said the second data item of the document from the address thus stored by anticipation and available locally.

13. (Currently Amended) Device A device according to Claim 12,  
wherein the address of the location containing the second data item of the digital document is local.

14. (Currently Amended) Device A device according to Claim 12,  
wherein the address of the location containing the second data item of the digital document is distant.

15. (Currently Amended) Device A device according to Claim 12,  
wherein the first and second data items being are of the same resolution.

16. (Currently Amended) Device A device according to Claim 12,  
wherein the digital document is a collection comprising a list of objects.

17. (Currently Amended) Device A device according to Claim 12,  
wherein the first and second data items ~~being~~ are of different resolutions.

18. (Currently Amended) Device A device according to Claim 12,  
wherein the resolution of the first data item is less than that of the second data item.

19. (Currently Amended) Device A device according to Claim 12,  
wherein the digital document comprises more than two different resolutions.

20. (Currently Amended) Device A device according to Claim 12,  
wherein the processing means are also able to determine the current resolution of the  
digital document available at the device; and to check the presence of at least one address  
of a location containing a higher resolution of the digital document in the storage means of  
the device, the search means are also able, in the absence of said the address in said the  
storage means, to seek said the address in the network, the storage means are able to store  
said the address, and the access means are able to subsequently access at least said the  
higher resolution of the document from the address thus stored by anticipation and thus  
available locally.

21. (Currently Amended) Device A device according to Claim 12,  
wherein the digital document belongs to the group formed by consisting of fixed images or  
photographs, video sequences, and computer files of office application ~~or the like~~.

22. (Currently Amended) System A system for access to a digital document, in a communication network, ~~comprises~~ comprising a device according to Claim 12.

23. (Currently Amended) Information An information medium which can be read by a computer system, possibly totally or partially removable, in particular a CD-ROM or magnetic medium, such as a hard disk or a diskette, or a transmittable support, such as an electrical or optical signal, ~~characterized in~~ that [[it]] contains instructions of a computer program for implementing a processing method according to Claim 1, when this program is loaded in and executed by a computer system.

24. (Currently Amended) Computer A computer program stored on an information medium, said program containing instructions for implementing a processing method according to Claim 1, when this program is loaded in and executed by a computer system.